



NativityMiguel Coalition Regional PD Day – St. Louis, MO February 25-26, 2015

Thursday, February 25 @ Il Monastero @ St. Louis University (Address: 3050 Olive St., St. Louis, MO 63103)

3:30-4:00pm Arrival and Registration

4:00-4:15pm **Opening Prayer** facilitated by **Most Holy Trinity Catholic School & Academy**
Welcoming Remarks from **Joe Kilmade**, St. Cecilia's School & Academy
Welcoming Remarks from **Terry Shields**, NativityMiguel Coalition

4:15-5:45pm **General Session:**
Leading with Zeal: Building a World through School Culture

Presenter: **Christian Dallavis**, Ph.D, Director of Leadership Programs, Alliance for Catholic Education, University of Notre Dame
Through this workshop, school leaders, faculty and staff will strengthen the organizational culture of a mission-driven, data-informed school. Participants will be able to:

- 1) Apply a research-informed framework for building an intentional school culture of continuous improvement to the school community;
- 2) Evaluate the state of the current school culture and identify areas of strength and opportunities for growth;
- 3) Explain the relationship between an intentional, purposeful, and thoughtfully-designed school culture and student achievement gains;
- 4) Refine the vision for school culture by articulating root beliefs, a shared purpose, core values, dispositions, and behaviors that are aligned with all operating norms and physical spaces of the school; and
- 5) Begin constructing a long-term action plan for leading a school culture building process and communicating key elements of the school culture through formal and informal means, including storytelling, newsletters, promotional materials, and events.

5:45-7:00pm **Social Networking & Dinner**

7:00-8:00pm **Keynote Speaker:**
The Founding Spirit of our Mission

Presenter: **Tom Nolan**, Founder of Loyola Academy & Access Academies in St. Louis

Each school in the NativityMiguel Coalition has a unique founding story involving a group of dedicated individuals seeking to impact the lives of students and families with a quality, hope-filled and faith-filled education. Tom Nolan, who led the founding of Loyola Academy and ACCESS Academies in St. Louis, will share his reflections on the spirit that has animated this mission and the courage and zeal that will be necessary in the years ahead.

Closing Reflection from **Mary Elizabeth Grimes**, Marian Middle School

Friday, February 26 @ Maria Center @ Notre Dame High School (Address: 336 East Ripa Ave., St. Louis, MO 63125)

8:00-8:30am

Good morning! Breakfast available

8:30-9:45am

Opening Prayer facilitated by **Marian Middle School**

General Session: Educating in Culturally Diverse Environments

Presenter: **Katy Nichols**, Ed.D, Mainstream Instruction of English Learners & Cultural Diversity, St. Louis Univ., School of Ed.

This session will help educators identify effective strategies that bridge cultural gaps between themselves and those they serve. Dr. Nichols will share portraits of effective instructional methods as well as challenge participants to think critically about their own experiences.

9:45-10:00am

Break & Transition

10:00-11:10am

Breakout Session 1 | Select from the following:

Rubrics: Standards-based Assessment Guides

presented by **Sr. Sara Heger, Principal, and Sara Mashburn, Teacher, Marian Middle School, St. Louis, MO**

Rubrics clarify expectations and illustrate levels of mastery. Join us to see, share, and create effective and creative rubrics for general classroom use, standards-based grading, teacher and program evaluation. Bring your curriculum or a topic of your own around which you would like to create a rubric for some collaborative work time.

1:1 Technology with the iPad

presented by **Carol Nord, President, Nativity Academy at St. Boniface, Louisville, KY**

Looking to move your school to immerse in Technology? Come find out how Nativity Academy navigated the path for successful implementation of every student utilizing an iPad in the classroom. Now in year two, we can share some strategies, tips, and good advice on how to make the best use of a 1:1 model while avoiding the pitfalls.

House System

presented by **Lisa Brents, Counselor, Nativity Academy at St. Boniface, Louisville, KY**

The House System is a creative way many schools have chosen to increase a sense of community and form a more positive school climate. Utilizing the House System, many schools find a heightened sense of belonging and group pride amongst the students. The House System has a wide range of leadership opportunities built in and promotes positive character traits. In addition, the House System can be a source of positive peer-pressure and motivation that extends into the classroom setting and beyond.

Portraits of Cultural Understanding in the Classroom

presented by **Katy Nichols, Professor, St. Louis University**

This session for teachers demonstrates classroom activities that help build cultural competency among their students. Some activities will focus specifically on teaching English Language Learners (ELLs). Participants learn by doing as they reflect on personal experience and share with the group. Time will also be given for Q&A regarding Dr. Nichol's morning session.

Growing a Graduate Support Program

presented by **Panel of GSP Directors**

It takes time to develop a successful graduate support program. Exploring the needs of your alumni, learning the educational systems in your area and seeking ways to continually improve the program are all essential components. In this session, we will look at the different phases of growth for a graduate support program, from initial relationship building to seeing students through college.

11:10-11:20am **Break & Transition**

11:20am-12:20pm **Breakout Session 2** | Select from the following:

FOR GSP DIRECTORS/COUNSELORS: Hot Topics in Graduate Support

presented by Panel of GSP Directors

- Childhood Trauma
- Threats of Expulsion
- Racism/Lack of Diversity
- Alcohol and Drug Use
- Teenage Pregnancy

The mission of schools in the NativityMiguel Coalition is to positively change the life trajectory of the at-risk students we serve. Our unique opportunity and more pressing challenge is not simply to see our graduates through the 8th grade, but to partner with and advocate for them as they navigate high school and the college admissions process. In this session, GSP will explore the intersectionality of race, class, and gender as it applies to NativityMiguel alumni. By identifying key challenges to student success, GSP personnel may strategically intervene in order to ensure that middle school alumni become high school graduates with the knowledge and tools necessary to matriculate to college or pursue a meaningful career.

FOR TEACHERS: Learning to Improve by Reviewing Student Work (By subject area)

Teachers will meet by subject area to discuss practices and strategies that yield results, share resources and tools, and ask questions of colleagues from across the Coalition to address challenges. Each participant will be asked to bring 5 copies of one example of student work to contribute to the discussion, and selected teachers and principals will facilitate a protocol on reviewing student work to determine what we can learn from the work to better inform our curriculum, instruction and assessment.

12:20-1:00pm **Lunch available**

1:00-2:15pm

General Session:

It's All About Relationships

Presenter: **Terry Shields**, Director, NativityMiguel Coalition

Forming positive relationships is a key lever for student development and learning and for the cultivation of external stakeholders in NativityMiguel Schools. These relationships do not happen by chance, rather they are intentionally and sensibly infused with an ethos of care that builds trust and inspires possibility. In this session, we will explore the mindset, lens, voice and heart necessary for ensuring that all relationships in our school community are authentic and purposeful.

2:15-2:30pm

Takeaways from the day

Closing Prayer facilitated by St. Cecilia School & Academy

For more information on the NativityMiguel Coalition, visit www.nativitymiguel.org where you can “Follow” our blog and “Like” our facebook page plus access more information on member schools, Graduate Support, employment opportunities and upcoming events.